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E.O. 11652: DECLASSIFY WHEN NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TERMINATED

TAGS: MARR, AS

SUBJECT: SOLAR OBSERVATORY NETWORK - AUSTRALIA

REF:A.CANBERRA 1972 B. STATE 236127

1. WE CONCUR WITH ACTION REQUESTED BY GOA. AIR FORCE IS NOW ORGANIZING AND PREPARING A TEAM OF PERSONNEL KNOWLEDGE-ABLE IN THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THIS PROJECT, WHICH WILL PROCEED TO AUSTRALIA TO CONDUCT THE DESIRED TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS.

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2. AIR FORCE RE-EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR BOTH SITE SURVEY AND RESOLUTION OF NEGOTIABLE ITEMS REFLECTED IN PARA 3 BELOW. THEY THEREFORE PROPOSE A TEAM CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND COMPLETING FOLLOW-ON OR CONCURRENT SURVEYS OF POTENTIAL SITES WHILE THE TEAM IS IN COUNTRY. THIS APPROACH IS RECOMMENDED TO REDUCE TRAVEL COSTS, FACILITATE THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, AND TO OBTAIN DATA NEEDED TO ASSURE AN OPERATIONALLY SUITABLE SITE LOCATION MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS. THE TEAM PROPOSED INCLUDES FIVE USAF TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC AGENCY (NOAA). NOAA OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMALLY STATED A DESIRE TO

PARTICIPATE IN THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS AND USAF IS RECEPTIVE BECAUSE OF THEIR POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION IN OPERATING A COMBINED FACILITY. WE PROPOSE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS/SITE SURVEYS BE CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 2-23, TO PERMIT TEAM TO UTILIZE AVAILABLE MILITARY AIRLIFT, THEREBY REDUCING TRAVEL COSTS.

3. REGARDING GOA AIDE MEMOIRE (PARA 3 CANBERRA 1972), WE HAVE NO RESERVATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS 3,4,5. ITEMS 1, 2 AND 6 WILL REQUIRE FURTHER STUDY AND RESOLUTION. USAF TEAM WILL ARRIVE PREPARED TO ADDRESS OUR POSITION ON THESE ITEMS.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK GOA APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE SO THAT PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT CAN PROCEED. PRELIMINARY DETAILS ON THE ASSISTANCE WHICH EMBASSY/DAO OFFICIALS COULD PROVIDE THE USAF TEAM DURING THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. ROBINSON

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